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In re the Application of: Akio YONEYAMA Group Art Unit: 2613

Serial No.: 09/515,896 Examiner: Tung T. Vo

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For: A VIDEO CODING APPARATUS ACCORDING TO A FEATURE OF

A VIDEO PICTURE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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February 26, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003 for three month(s) from November 26, 2003 to February 26, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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